

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

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| IN RE:   | § |  |
| PEARL RESOURCES LLC  | § | CASE NO. 20-31585-11   |
| PEARL RESOURCES OPERATING CO.<br>LLC                         | § | CASE NO. 20-31586-11<br>(Chapter 11)   |
| <i>Debtors</i>   | § | Jointly Administered Under<br>Case No. 20-31585-11<br>Judge Eduardo V. Rodriguez   |
| PEARL RESOURCES LLC and PEARL<br>RESOURCES OPERATING CO. LLC | § | Contested Matter   |
| vs.  | § | Objection to Claim No. 3 in<br>Pearl Resources LLC   |
| CHARGER SERVICES, LLC  | § | Section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy<br>Code; Claimant's claim is not<br>enforceable against the Debtors or<br>their Property |

**DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM FILED BY  
CHARGER SERVICES, LLC, AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

THIS IS AN OBJECTION TO YOUR CLAIM. THE OBJECTING PARTY IS ASKING THE COURT TO DISALLOW THE CLAIM THAT YOU FILED IN THIS JOINTLY ADMINISTERED BANKRUPTCY CASE. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A RESPONSE WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE OBJECTION WAS SERVED ON YOU, YOUR CLAIM MAY BE DISALLOWED WITHOUT A HEARING.

**A HEARING HAS BEEN SET ON THIS MATTER ON TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020  
AT 9:00 A.M. IN COURTROOM 402, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 515 RUSK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002.**

Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §502(b)(1), Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3007, and LBR 3007-1, Pearl Resources LLC ("Pearl Resources") and Pearl Resources Operating Co. LLC ("Pearl Operating"), hereby object to the proof of claim submitted by Charger Services, LLC ("Claimant").

1. Claimant filed its proof of claim on April 9, 2020, attached hereto as Exhibit A. It is Claim Number 3. The claim is secured, in the amount of \$86,470.02.

2. Section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code calls for disallowance of claims that are unenforceable under any applicable law. Claimant is unable to prove liability and/or damages with respect to the claim it has asserted, and the subject debtors deny each and every factual basis for the claim asserted. The subject debtors deny that they are indebted to Claimant for any amounts.

3. Pearl Operating contracted with PDS Drilling, LLC (“PDS”) to drill a well. Under that contract, PDS was liable for and fully indemnified Debtors for all costs and damages related to the drilling and bringing the well under control. That contract also provided that PDS was not Pearl Operating’s agent and had no authority to enter into contracts on behalf of Pearl Operating. Claimant entered into an express or implied subcontracted with PDS or its subcontractor to provide the materials and services which form the basis for its proof of claim. Claimant did not communicate with Debtors before providing its services and afterwards looked solely to PDS for payment. Claimant’s invoices and other documents including sworn testimony confirm that it provided materials and services to PDS—not to either Debtor. As such, Claimant cannot recover in quantum meruit. Under Texas law, Claimant cannot recover in quantum meruit from Debtors because there was an express or implied contract covering the services and materials furnished by Claimant. Recovery in quantum meruit is barred even if the contract was between Claimant and a third party. In addition, Claimant cannot rely on industry custom to establish the elements of a claim for quantum meruit. Recovery in quantum meruit, or otherwise, is also barred by the statutorily-mandated limitation of liability of TEX. PROP. CODE § 56.043, which provides that an owner cannot be liable to a subcontractor for more than the amount the owner owes the original contractor at the time the subcontractor provides notice of a lien claim. In addition, Claimant’s claim should be disallowed for all the reasons set forth in Appellants’ Brief and Appellants’ Reply

Brief filed in the Eighth District of Texas Court of Appeals, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

4. The proof of claim should not be allowed in whole or in part.
5. The affidavit of Myra Dria, a duly authorized representative of the subject debtors appended to this Objection.
6. Pearl Resources and Pearl Operating reserve the right to assert counterclaims against Claimant.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Pearl Resources and Pearl Operating respectfully pray that the Court not allow Claimant's claim against them, and grant them such other and further relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the document has been served on counsel of record, through the Court's ECF noticing system, first class mail, and certified mail, return receipt requested, on May 20, 2020.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MYRA DRIA**

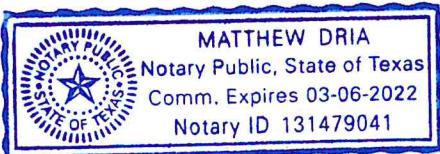
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Myra Dria, being personally known by me, who, upon her oath, duly sworn according to law, stated that she is the duly authorized representative of Debtors in the above-numbered and entitled matter, that she is at least eighteen years of age and is not disqualified from making this affidavit, that she has personal knowledge of the matters recited above, and that those matters are true and correct.

SIGNED on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Myra Dria, Authorized Representative of Debtors

19<sup>th</sup> SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on the day of May, 2020, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.



  
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas  
Printed Name: MATTHEW DRIA  
Commission expires: 03/06/2022